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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS – Legislative Committee

MEETING DATE AND TIME: January 25, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED 02/22/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William Northey, LMFT, Presiding Daniel Cherneski, LMFT Daniel Cooper, LPCMH Mary Davis, LCDP Dr. Gregg Drevno, LPCMH

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Doyle, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Mary Jo Mather, Delaware Certification Board

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Northey called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with Ms. Davis abstaining.

<u>Discussion Regarding the National Association of Forensic Counselors Standards to those of the Delaware Certification Board</u>

Ms. Davis introduced Mary Jo Mather from the Delaware Certification Board who was in attendance to answer questions regarding certifications, National Association of Forensic Counselor Standards, and offer suggestions for obtaining more licensees within the State of Delaware.

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Ms. Mather advised the Committee that the Delaware Certification Board can put information on the website regarding licensure within the state to encourage individuals to seek LCDP licensure. She can also send communication to new members regarding licensure.

Ms. Mather informed the Committee that the Delaware Certification Board directs the IC&RC. The Co-Occurring Disorders Diplomat Certification is focused more towards the chemical dependency profession and that it would be best to accept that particular certification for LCDP licensure, and not towards LPCMH licensure.

Ms. Mather advised the Committee that she does not believe that certification from the National Association of Forensic Counselors should be accepted for any type of licensure mainly because of the way that the exam is constructed and there is a slight possibility that the exam may not be valid. She also informed the Committee that many states do not accept certification from the NAFC for those reasons. Ms. Mather advised the Committee that if they are considering accepting the certification, they should request a published task analysis of the exam (produced by an outside vendor) from the NAFC for further review.

Discussion Regarding Practice Acts

Mr. Stevenson advised the Committee that he will draft proposed language regarding practice acts for the Committee to review during the February meeting.

<u>Discussion Regarding Competencies or Guidelines for Supervision/Supervisors</u>

Dr. Northey informed the Committee that the expectations of supervisors are not in the current rules and regulations.

The Committee reviewed Mississippi's supervision guidelines and determined that a detailed written plan agreeing to provide supervision and attesting that supervision was provided is necessary. They also discussed if the supervisor will need to submit a yearly progress report.

Ms. Williams advised the Committee that Maryland also has supervision guidelines for social workers and that she will forward the information for the Committee to discuss during the February meeting.

Dr. Northey asked that the Committee members prepare a supervisory attestation document of required LACMH skills to be submitted once supervised experience has been completed.

Discussion Regarding Modification of Regulations and/or Forms

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

<u>Discussion Regarding Minimum Competence for Supervisors</u>

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

Other Business before the Committee (For Discussion Only)

There was no other business before the Committee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Next Meeting Date

The Committee will meet on February 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor of the Cannon Building.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica M. Williams

Administrative Specialist II